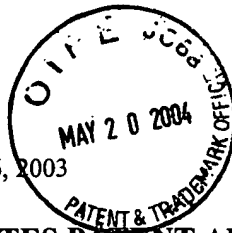


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Application No. : 09/869,446 Confirmation No. 4240
Application of : Przybyla *et al.*
Titled : Rubredoxin Fusion Proteins, Protein Expression System and Methods
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants herewith petition that the period for response to the Office Action mailed on December 16, 2003 in the above-identified application be extended for two months, to and including May 16, 2004. A check for \$210.00 is enclosed to cover the Petition fee. Applicants believe the amount of the fee is correct; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 19-5029.

Sincerely,

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